May 4, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BOUTELLE, of Maine, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

## REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10220.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, having had under consideration the bill (H. R. 10220) "to organize a hospital corps of the Navy of the United States; to define its duties and regulate its pay," which is recommended by the Surgeon-General of the Navy as especially urgent at this time, hereby recommend its passage with the following amendments:

On page 2, in line 15, strike out the word "twenty-four" and insert

the word "thirty."

In line 16 strike out the word "eighteen" and insert the word "twenty."